

Board of Education Agenda Item

Item: _____ A. _____

Date: October 25, 2006

Topic: Report from Board of Education Committee Chairs

Presenters: Chairs and Co-chairs of Board of Education Committees

Origin:

☒ Topic presented for information only (no board action required)

☐ Board review required by
 ☐ State or federal law or regulation
 ☐ Board of Education regulation
 ☐ Other:

☐ Action requested at this meeting

☐ Action requested at future meeting

Previous Review/Action:

☒ No previous board review/action

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Background Information: Article Nine, Section 1 of the Board of Education's bylaws states the following:

ARTICLE NINE: COMMITTEES

Section 1. Standing and Special Committees. The Board may create standing committees composed of Board members and non-Board members, as it shall deem appropriate, and impose upon such committee or committees such functions and duties, and grant such rights, powers, and authority as the Board shall prescribe. The President shall appoint all members to serve on standing committees. Special committees of the Board may be established and appointed by the President for specific assignments. All special committees shall report their findings and recommendations to the Board. All special committees shall dissolve upon the completion of their stated assignment or by act of the President.

The Board of Education has five standing committees that have been established to study and make recommendations regarding important issues. The membership consists of Board members, and the work of the committees is facilitated by Department of Education staff, as needed.

The committees of the Board of Education are as follows:

- Committee on School and Division Accountability: Mr. David L. Johnson, chair
- Committee on Quality Preschool Programs: Mrs. Eleanor B. Saslaw, chair
- Committee on Literacy: Mrs. Isis M. Castro, chair
- Committee on Graduation and Dropout Rates: Dr. Ella P. Ward and Mr. Andrew J. Rotherham, co-chairs
- Committee on Standards of Quality: Dr. Gary L. Jones, chair

Note: The Board of Education has established a special committee, the Charter School Application Review Committee, chaired by Mrs. Saslaw. This committee meets when charter school application review requests are received by the Board; therefore the special committee is not reporting at this time.

Summary of Major Elements: The chairs and co-chairs will give a brief overview of the purpose and the work plan for their respective committees. Included in the report will be the following information:

- Purpose of the committee
- Dates of meetings held to date and the projected timeline for future meetings
- Major topics/issues to be covered by the committee
- General plan of work

Superintendent's Recommendation: N/A

Impact on Resources: The operating expenses and other costs associated with the meetings and functions of the Board of Education's committees are provided through the Department of Education's operating funds.

Timetable for Further Review/Action: The president of the Board of Education will call for reports and updates at future meetings.